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The News.

The House of Representatives, at Washington, disposed of Mr. Matteson's case by adopting the report of the Select Committee, that it was inexpedient to take any further action in the premises.

We hear of the confirmation of sundry Post-masters in this State, and among them Mr. Jones at Madison, and Mr. Faxon at Kenosha.

The test question on Kansas is to be tried in the House of Representatives, on Thursday next. It will be in the shape of an amendment to the bill, providing for the immediate submission of the Lecompton Constitution to the vote of the people. The friends of freedom are unanimous in denouncing the article, but the vote will be close.

The Democrats of Hartford, Connecticut, have held a large and spirited meeting in opposition to the Lecompton Villainy. They cannot stand up under such a load.

Santa Anna is on his way to Mexico, to resume power there for the third or fourth time. How long he will stay, this time, remains to be seen.

Our Legislature transacted considerable business Saturday. The proposition for a recess was defeated in the Senate. Moses M. Brown, finding that the Assembly would not yield, and having had quite enough of the Dane County Jail, has signified his willingness to go.

Lake Pepin is free from ice and the navigation of the upper Mississippi open to St. Paul. This is a month earlier than last year.

There was no marked change in the New York Market Saturday, though prices were dropping. Our own market is quiet and steady, with light receipts.

The weather, Saturday, was mild, but unseasonable, with a little rain. Shortly after midnight, Friday, we had our first spring shower, with two or three heavy claps of thunder. The season, thus far, has been exceedingly favorable to vegetation, and the winter grain looks well.

The Sober Second Thought.

It gives us great pleasure to copy and to endorse the following articles from the Wisconsin, of Saturday afternoon. We are glad to see that, since the passage of the Amendment, a change has come over our contemporaries:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER—TUESDAY.—The Legislature have passed the proposed amendments to the Milwaukee City Charter by a very narrow majority. The Senate added 50 votes to 15 to amend, and in the Senate, by 52 votes to 15 to reject. This is an unusual unanimity, and evinces that the amendments are of that wise and practical cast to which the common sense of all part must attest.

Since those amendments have become a portion of the charter, the Legislature is to elect a Council of 15, who will definitely carry them out. Experience teaches us that the best provisions of law can be nullified by the manner in which they are carried out. A Council of governing Tax-exempt will fail sooner or later to give the most stable government to any city.

We therefore send to the Electors, select for the Council, honest, faithful, and sober men, and thus we may obtain a cost and practical to form in our city government. There are some good natured citizens who suppose that because they have obtained certain desirable franchises, their city will be safe. This is a dangerous delusion. It is just as bad.

The charter is merely the means to obtain the end, and which may be defeated unless the right sort of men are elected to the city council. The real reform is to be accomplished at the approaching municipal election in April.

The Nomination of Mr. Prentiss for Mayor.

The general feeling to all the Oppositors, elements in the city is, that Wm. A. Prentiss should be the opposing candidate against A. R. Butler. Mr. Prentiss is a man of that sturdy integrity that commands but few corrupt influences. His experience in the world, and our city government, would also be of great value to him, in case he was elected to the Mayoralty.

Correspondence of the Sentinel.

Neosho, Dodge County, Wis., March 22, 1858.

Messrs. Editors:—The persons connected with the assault &c, upon Mr. Guy in Decatur, the particulars of which you published, were tried and convicted on Friday last, and sentenced by His Honor Judge Linnaway (with an excellent advice to the prisoners from him) on Saturday, as follows:

Frank Sanders, 10 years; John R. Goodenough, 8 years; John Barnes, 9 years; George Sanders, 7 years in the State Prison and three days solitary confinement. Yours, &c.

For the Sentinel.

To the Voters of the Seventh Ward, Mass., Editors:—Assuming that William A. Farnsworth is to be the Reform Candidate for Mayor, and will surely victory his office in Alfordon for two years from the Seventh Ward, allow me now to submit the following ticket for your consideration:

Alderman.—S. S. DAUGST.
Councillor for two years—Victor Scutte.
Councillor for one year—James Johnson.
Justice of the Peace—August Smith.
Railroad Commissioner—C. Preussner.
Constable—HENRY THORNOL.

A REFORM DEMOCRAT.

Milwaukee, March 27.

For the Daily Sentinel.

Messrs. Editors:—By way of "agitating" the question, I propose the following Reform City Ticket. If any one can better it, I will accept the amendment:

For Mayor—WILLIAM A. PRENTISS.
For Comptroller—John L. HATHAWAY.
For City Attorney—GEORGE A. WOODWARD.
For Treasurer—H. SCHWARTZ.
For Street Commissioners—FRANCIS HINCHINBROOK, HOWARD O'NEAL, ANDREW MITCHELL.

A REFORMER.

Milwaukee, March 17.

Not Going to Be Head Out.

Moses, Mason and Corzarsen, the two Assemblymen, who were formally "read out" of the Democratic Party, by vote of a Caucus of their fellow-members, do not seem disposed to respect this bill of excommunication. We give elsewhere Mr. Corzarsen's pugnacious reply. Mr. Mason also publishes a sharp rejoinder in the Madison Argus, which sums up as follows:

At the time these resolutions of expulsion passed your caucus, the Kansas resolutions had not been voted on in the House, my vote on that question of course were not taken under consideration; and in connection with that I voted "no." I think my opinions as expressed in caucus at that time were correct, how much so others may have done, but am now as I hope will be opposed to all such infamous swindles as the Lecompton Constitution. (so called).

I have here to inform you that the \$30,000 appropriation for the building shall be a plumb the measure, and has been adopted as a plank to the platform. If this be so, I plead guilty. I am certainly off from all such shabby platforms.

In conclusion, you will excuse me if I doubt the exact propriety of the platform you have made, but I am hardly liable to that you and your colleagues have undertaken a Herculean task in attempting to road from the party all the anti-Land Grant corruption documents it may contain.

I remain very respectfully,

Z. Z. MASON.

Mem. of Assembly, Sheboygan Co.

St. Croix River Open.

Calais, Me., 27.

St. Croix River is clear of ice to-day.

CITY MATTERS.

TRAVELLER'S DIRECTORY.

Railroads.

Leaves Arrives.

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THE CHARTER ELECTION.

THURSDAY MORNING!

Our Tax-Payers have achieved a glorious triumph in the passage of the Charter Amendment, but this good fruit will turn to ashes, unless prompt steps are taken to follow up and secure the victory. Important, as it was, to all our interests, that the Amendments should pass, it is not less important that honest and capable men should be elected to carry out these new provisions of our Municipal Law. If the City and Ward Officers, to be chosen on Tuesday week, shall administer the government in the spirit and according to the letter of the Amended Charter, we shall speedily see a vast improvement in City affairs. But if the Administration is entrusted to those who are opposed to these amendments, who have sought and still seek to discredit them with the People, it is easy to see that half of the good already effected will be lost, and that all may be undone before the year rolls round.

The Amendments in so far change the present Charter, as to require the election, on Tuesday next, of the following City and Ward Officers.

CITY.

Mayor,
Comptroller,
City Attorney,
Treasurer,
Three Street Commissioners,
One Alderman,
One Councillor,
One Justice of the Peace,
One R. R. Commissioner,
One Consul.

The offices of City Marshal and Ward Assessors are abolished. The duties of the former are devolved upon the Chief of Police, and of the latter upon a Board of Three Assessors, for the whole City, to be appointed by the Mayor and Common Council. The Board of Aldermen will householder consist of one member from each Ward, to be elected annually. The Board of Councillors will be composed of two members from each Ward, who hold for two years, one being elected each year. Thus, the Alderman elected last Spring for two years, become, by virtue of the provisions of the Amendments, Councillor for one year, from their respective Wards; while the Councillors now to be chosen, will hold for two years.

The Street Commissioners, under the Amended Charter, are entrusted with very important functions. Upon them, indeed, depends the good condition of our streets, alleys, public grounds, bridges, &c. How much these need our general system of constant and efficient supervision, let their present state testify. But necessarily, for the proper discharge of these duties, the Street Commissioners are endowed with considerable power and patronage. These, as our reader well know, may be grossly abused, in spite of every check that the law can interpose. It becomes then of the very first consequence that the utmost care be exercised in the choice of Street Commissioners. The men to fill these important and responsible posts should be capable, practical and perfectly trustworthy.

We have already and so often enlarged upon the necessity of selecting fit and honest men to fill the other offices under the City Government, that we will not dwell longer upon the topic now, except to say that the Comptroller is the most important office in the gift of the People, and that it stands more in hand to get the right man in that post, than in any other under the City Government. As to the war officers, let each Tax-Payer ask himself whether it concerns him, or not, to have good, practical business men elected Aldermen, instead of that class of office-seekers, demagogues, and party backs, who too often work their way into these posts, and use them for private profit, to the public detriment.

We have thus indicated the *imperative necessity* of reform in the men who are to administer our Amended City Charter, and we do not doubt that our readers appreciate the truth and importance of what we have urged. One work remains for us to agree upon the candidates to be supported for City and Ward Officers, by those who share these views. Of course, it is not only desirable, but indispensable, that there should be concert of action among the friends of Reformation and Reform. This can easily be secured by a free interchange of opinions by a cordial concurrence of all personal preferences, and by a determination to stand by and sustain one another in the common effort to redeem our City. Let us, then, address ourselves to this work at once; select the best men to fill the several offices in the gift of the People; and sustain them at the polls, on Tuesday week, with the spirit, energy and resolution that the great interests at stake demand at our hands.

THE WINSLOW WOLCOTT.—In Congress on Tuesday last, the House voted to discharge J. J. Wolcott of Boston from arrest for contempt or conspiracy, and turn him over to the Courts for trial under the act of last Winter, which makes such refusal to testify a State Prison matter. This proposition was carried by the strong vote of 126 Yes to 97 Nays, after the House had refused, by 161 Nays to 22 Yes, to discharge Wolcott unconditionally.

Wolcott stands in the same relation to Congress that Moses S. Stroox does toward our Legislature, and the Argus and News, which represent the Republican Assembly with "pouncing" enthusiasm, will do well to remember that Congress furnishes a "safe Democratic precedent" for this course. No doubt, if there was any law in force in this State, similar to the one in the District of Columbia, the Assembly would very gladly turn Mr. Stroox over to the Courts.

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This is the first intimation we have seen that the President's Leavenworth policy is to be the issue at our Charter Election. The News has not pretended anything of the sort, and the Convention which nominated the above ticket, passed only two resolutions; one opposing the Charter Amendment, the other endorsing the claim of the Tax-Eaters Contractors. It is on these two issues that the Tax-Eaters propose to go to the People. Are the Tax-Payers ready to meet them?

AN INDUSIROUS INVESTIGATOR.—If any one is disposed to bad-faith, with the present Logion, two, let him undertake to report for either House, and to put their proceeding in type. Yesterday the Assembly held three sessions, and long ones at that. They are working as no legislature ever worked, and if industry is a merit, they ought to have the credit of it.—Madison Patriot (from)

The New York Canals.—The New York papers state that efforts are making to have the Erie and other Canals ready for navigation by the 20th of April. The water is to be let into the Canals five days previously, in order that the People may decide to give somebody else the sum salary of the City Attorney, which Mr. Conson had arranged for himself.

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A DAY OF EXCITEMENT.—Ladies is the Midst of it.

WASHINGTON, March 28.
Monday was a day of great excitement and commotion here. Douglass was to speak and the Senate vote to be taken in the Senate. As early as 8 A. M., crowds passed up the Avenue to the Capitol, and by 10 o'clock the Senate was standing in order, but the Senate Chamber was filled. The lobby galleries and stairs were crammed. The ladies who were so fortunate as to secure seats, were mostly provided with lunch to enable them to remain during the whole day. Many efforts were made to do so, but the seven o'clock session for the opening of the session of the Legislature, by voting on all party questions with the Republican party, lost our confidence, and are therefore no longer considered by us as members of the Democratic party, and they were excluded from any participation in the proceedings. The members of the Democratic party, however, remained in the Senate Chamber. 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